



WHAT WISCONSIN HAS TO OFFER VETERANS



Whether it's starting a new career, receiving a quality education for themselves and their families, finding affordable housing in a welcoming community or having an outstanding quality of life outside of the workplace, veterans will find more of what they're looking for in Wisconsin. In fact, Wisconsin offers more state-funded benefits for vets than any other state to support veterans as they make the transition to civilian life.



Careers

- Wisconsin has numerous jobs that align with military training, as well as employers who give preference and incentives to veterans. In addition, Foxconn's historic investment in Wisconsin will result in up to 13,000 new jobs – and the company is committed to hiring 3,000 veterans to help fill those positions.
- Wisconsin's industry concentration aligns with the skills veterans bring to the workplace, and many employers here give preference and incentives to veterans.
- Many employers offer apprenticeships and on-the-job training opportunities to veterans.



Education

- Wisconsin is one of only 33 states that offer reduced, and in some cases free, education for veterans and their families (Source: National Association of State Directors of Veteran Affairs).
- The state also has some of the best educational outcome statistics in the country and has outstanding schools – from elementary and high school to technical college to colleges and universities.





Family

- Veterans are 20 percent more likely to be married compared to the civilian population (Source: American Research Institute). Caring for the family is a core value for veterans, and benefits that extend to the family are a high priority for them.
- Wisconsin's low cost of living and high quality of life are important selling points to veterans. Wisconsin's overall cost of living is below the national average (Source: Missouri Economic Research and Information Center).
- The state's short commute times mean more time to spend with family.
- Wisconsin's excellent schools, top-rated health care, and family-oriented recreational opportunities all contribute to strong families.

Housing

- 75 percent of veterans identify owning a home as one of the most important goals following their service (Source: Century 21 Veterans Day Survey, 2013).
- Wisconsin housing costs are 12 percent lower than the national average (Source: Missouri Economic Research and Information Center), which means veterans can get more home for their money.
- Wisconsin offers eligible veterans and surviving spouses who have not remarried a refundable property tax credit for their primary, in-state residence and up to one acre of land (Source: Wisconsin Department of Revenue).

Community

- Veterans Service Officers in each of Wisconsin's 72 counties give veterans an immediate advocate and resource no matter which part of the state they live in. Veterans living in Wisconsin know they have a local supporter for their claims, benefits and/or medical needs.
- Wisconsin has a robust veteran service organization community, with more than 500 posts or chapters across the state and more than 100,000 members in Wisconsin.
- Wisconsin is served by six VA Medical Centers throughout the state in addition to 18 community-based outreach clinics.

Quality of life

Wisconsin offers an unmatched quality of life including:

- a wealth of outdoor activities;
- rural and urban living opportunities;
- beer, food and fun;
- four-season living;
- concerts, sports and entertainment venues; and
- festivals and cultural activities to please every taste.

Wisconsin is great for it. The cost of living is amazing, the people are amazing, you have access to so many things. You don't need to live in a Chicago, San Francisco, New York ... they are great cities, but if you can get all those amenities here, at a much lower cost, why wouldn't you?

~Dave Healy - Mount Horeb